

Mayor and City Council Update September 4, 2020

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads



Administration

Update on Census Numbers

As of this week, our City of Smyrna self-response rate is 66.6% exceeding our 2010 Census figures. We are also above the 65.1% National self-response rate and the 60.4% State of Georgia self-response rate. We are continuing our efforts on social media to get out the word and encourage participation in low-response areas throughout the City.

Museum

The Smyrna Museum will be closed on Saturday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th.

Manager Jennie Eldredge will be working at Mt. Zion Cemetery, gathering GPS data on Friday, September 3rd. The best number to reach her is (770) 402-4412.

The Museum's back patio offers little train enthusiasts the best view of the upcoming track work planned by CSX.



Library

School Support - Mary Moore and Rebecca Power met with Erica Fox, the academic coach at Griffin Middle School, this week. We discussed ways the library can support the curriculum. The next day, the library created several annotated bibliographies of resources requested by the teachers. We are also working on ways to supply students the books and audiobooks they need for literature studies. We will partner this month on programming and promotions for Hispanic Heritage Month. And we have discussed purchasing math manipulatives for learning kits that students may check out.

Closed for Repairs – The power outage at the Community Center affected the library's air conditioning and ventilation because the two facilities share an HVAC system. The repairs will take some time, so the library is closed through Labor Day. An email was sent to library users about the closure, and notices have been placed on social media and the library website.

Department of Environmental Services (KSB)

Keep Smyrna Beautiful

Work Glove Luncheon

The Work Glove Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Update: the time will be 11:30 – 1:30 and the location will be in the parking lot behind the Police Station off of Powder Springs (across from the backside of the Community Center).

Community Cleanups

The small community cleanups will be continuing through September and October. More dates have been added due to the litter complaints the office is receiving from residents and elected officials.

Recycling Center

Appointments

Appointments have been discontinued. A plan to open 4 days a week will be discussed at the COW meeting on September 3rd.

Environmental Services

Community Garden



Eagle Scout Project Eagle Scout candidate, Jack Miller, will begin working on the Community Gardening upgrades this Saturday. He is replacing 21 garden beds, renumbering all beds, and cleaning out the unleased beds. He anticipates this taking at least 2 Saturdays. He is working with 6 – 8 volunteers; a mixture of scouts and adults. They will be following all safety protocols. The gardeners have all been notified.

At the request of the gardeners, staff is ordering a supply of tarps to be used to help prevent weeds from growing. Staff is also looking into order a large amount of soil to be used by the gardeners, especially the ones receiving new plots as they hold much more soil than the original.

Many thanks to the Public Works Department for assisting with broken pipe stand at the garden. Once repaired, new hoses and sprayers will be purchased and installed.

Energy Performance Services Contract

The staff team met with Schneider Electric on August 27th. The team and Schneider Electric are planning on updating Mayor and Council at the COW meeting on October 15. Updates on the progress, proposed Phase 1 projects, and an estimated timeline will be discussed.

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day

The second annual Bulky Trash Amnesty Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd from 8 – 4 at the Public Works facility. Details for keeping staff, volunteers, and participants safe are being worked out.

Parks & Recreation

Work continues at the Community Center on the restroom renovations.

The Community Center was forced to close beginning at noon on Wednesday due to a power outage, after construction crews hit some power lines and network cables. The center will reopen on Tuesday, Sept 8.

Parks Maintenance is working on fields to prepare for Fall sports.

Parks Maintenance staff is working on trimming trees in parks that are not safe and to improve the parks in general.

The Wolfe Center is open and continues to welcome seniors for reserved fitness and pool times.

Tolleson Pool is open Labor Day weekend, so get out and enjoy the last cool swim of the summer.

Public Works

Water/Sewer division is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer sonar equipment that grades the condition of the pipe and capacities of flow, this type of technology sends acoustic sound wave from one device to another to determine condition or if flow is being impeded which in turn cuts down on cost of fuel, repairs and maintenance to our emergency sewer equipment such as our jet truck and video inspection equipment. Staff will grade a Council Ward and the areas that need attention will be addresses with jet truck and video inspection to determine what needs to be done to correct the issue. This project is still in progress now being extended to Ward 5. Ward 1 and 4 have been completed.

Water/Sewer division will have several sewer lines throughout the city that will be CIPP, (CURED IN PLACE PIPING). Areas that have been completed for sewer are Plaza Dr through Windsong Way, Roswell @ Spring St, Lee St from Concord Rd to Collier Dr, Lake Dr behind 3770, Inglewood Dr to Burbank Dr. Rolling View Dr. The CIPP process works hand on hand with sewer sonar program. All measures being taken we are moving towards being proactive instead of reactive to the necessary need to be met to such a crucial infrastructure.

Waters/sewer Division started their yearly valve insertion for isolation valves on Pinehill Dr at Stonecreek Rd , Pinehill Rd and Hillside Rd, and Pinehill and Parkwood rd. Isolation Valves allow the department to shut down the water in certain areas to do repairs without effecting as many residents in the area.

Street Division is currently maintaining right of ways and asphalt repairs, also repairs to storm drains that will also be CIPP which consist of Banks St @ South Cobb, 2905 Lavista Place and 380 Mockingbird Lane. Drainage repairs are being done on Morris Circle to correct all drainage issues on the street project 40% complete.

Public Works annual paving Mill and paving list has been put together by public works staff, cuts and additions have been made to complete the annual list. This annual project from start to finish takes about 6 months to complete with submitting for additional LMIG funds and necessary paperwork to GDOT for approval. Annual paving bid has been put out July 17th, 2020 and bid opening was August 26th, 2020. Apparent low bidder Bartow Paving Company. Staff will review Bids and bid will be awarded. Item has been put on Agenda for September 8th

Public Works CIP Project South Cobb Water line replacement: Designs were put out to bid, opening for bid was held August 26th, 2020. Apparent low bidder KM Davis Contracting. Staff will review bids and bid will be awarded. Item has been put on Agenda for September 8th

Whitfield Storm drain project: Public Works and contractor have met in the field to make field changes to engineered drawings. Properties have been notified along with property lines being staked out for the project. Project is to be taken place at 1465,1468 Whitfield and adjacent properties. This will include ditches being reworked and lined with cobble stone, concrete storm pipes are being installed this week at outlet side of project, along with tree removal to form ditches. Project 78% complete with all storm installed on south side of project. There will be a road closure August 5th through September 11th @ 1465 Whitfield Street due to storm replacement and catch basins being installed in roadway

through that very tight corridor. Roadway will be open to through traffic only on both sides of closure. Map has been posted of the detour plan to the city website and Facebook page.

Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications: Contractor RDJE has installed new sewer line in Windy Hill Road on South Side of the project moving towards South Cobb Drive completed. Installation of sewer line is in the process of being installed from Beaver Creek towards Atlanta Road. Water line installation 92% completed, the bore for Windy Hill to tie on to South Cobb is scheduled to take place on 9/8/2020.

SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin is still installing storm pipe. The next progress meeting will be held 9/15/2020. Baldwin has been cutting down sub grade for temporary and permanent road to be installed to divert traffic from main roadway during construction. This will take several months to complete. The temporary road and parts of the permanent road are to be done and opened the first week in November to move traffic from existing roadway to temporary and permanent roadway so the culvert and bridge construction can continue.

Church street roadway improvement's

Phase 1 complete with water main, water services and water meter installed. Street Department is completed with phase 2 which include ADA ramps, driveway aprons and pressure wash existing sidewalk to better match up newly installed sidewalk. Phase 3 will begin with milling, paving and stripping of the roadway. Phase 4 will be installations of speed tables.

Police Department

Total number of arrests:	35
Total number of citations issued:	208
Total number of citation warnings issued:	119
Total number of calls for service:	1068
Total number of employees on limited duty:	

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire-0
Medical- 57
Other- 62
Total- 119

Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	7	\$1,565,781	1-Grove at Adam's Pond 6-Brookside Lake Manor
Building New/Commercial	1	\$1,215,551	1-Fifth Third Bank (4520 S Cobb Dr)
Building Remodel/Residential	21	\$599,269	6-Interior 4-Re-roof 9-Addition 2-Pool
Building Remodel/Commercial	3	\$1,184,500	3-Remodel-2085 Lake Park Dr (Village at Lake Park), 2175 Old Concord Rd (Las Tejitas), 2997 Cumberland Cir (Farmer's Market Store)
Electrical	2	-	-
Plumbing	5	-	-
HVAC	9	-	-
Signs	1	-	1-Wall Sign – 4499 S Cobb Dr (Vape Atlanta)
Grading	2	\$1,317,449	2-Commercial-4225 E-W Connector (Hearthside Smyrna), 4520 S Cobb Dr (Fifth Third Bank)

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	168	99

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
INATURAL EATS	4924 S COBB DR SE	C	RESTAURANT – FULL SERVICE
NEW DOOR ATLANTA	3770 LAKE DR SE	H	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
YOUNG LINGUIST ACADEMY	1717 SPRING ST SE, STE 300	C	DAY CARE
MONUMENTAL SOUND & FILM, LLC	1763 HIGHLANDS VIEW DR SE	H	VIDEO PRODUCTION

Labor Day 2020 September 7, 2020 Monday

